(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, manner in which the Government proposes to address the problems created on account of saturated population in certain States and cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Central Government and the State Governments are implementing several schemes that are aimed at developing employment opportunities and civic infrastructure/amenities to keep pace with socio-economic dynamics.

Modernisation of State police force

146. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched modernization of the State police force to effectively face the emerging challenges to internal security;

(b) if so, the details of the programme thereof;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that implementation of this programme in Andhra Pradesh failed due to deficient planning and poor monitoring both at State Government level and department level; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. "Police" and "Law and order" is a State Subject as per the VIIth Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to modernize and adequately equip its police forces to face the challenges to internal security. However, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces, this Ministry has been implementing a Non-plan Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces. The Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) is an important initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs towards capacity building of the State Police Forces, especially for meeting the emerging challenges to internal security in the form of terrorism, naxalism etc. Some of the major items of police infrastructure covered under the Scheme include construction of secure police stations, outposts, police lines, mobility, modern weaponry, security, surveillance, communication, forensic equipment, up-gradation of training infrastructure/equipment, police housing, computerization etc.

(c) and (d) It is for the State Governments to formulate their annual action plans for Police Modernization on the basis of their assessment and requirements. The action plans received from Andhra Pradesh State were considered by the High Powered Committee attended by the State representatives also. While modernization of police forces is a continuous process, funds under the Scheme are allotted to the State by the Central Governments to strengthen their efforts. The Scheme is also periodically monitored by the Central Government.